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The country did its first war duty well.

Constantine tried to stand on Greece and slipped.

We hope you did your duty by buying a Liberty loan bond.

President Wilson finds Germany with the goods on her person.

There's a place right next to "Nick" Romanos and "Conn" Constantine for Willie Hohenzollern.

The deposing of King Constantine breaks a link in that chain of vast empire which Emperor William was forging.

Although more British ships were sunk by German submarines last week than for several weeks previously, it is to be noted also that there were more sailings and arrivals than in several weeks. Thus the one feature offsets the other. England is going to live well in the two months left to her by that German admiral.

The people of Greece have not yet been heard to complain that the entente allies jumped the second son of King Constantine over Crown Prince George in the royal succession. Perhaps they are so interested in getting ready to proclaim Venizelos president of the republic of Greece that they pay but slight attention to what is going on in the so-called ruling house.

General Haig, commander of the British forces on the western war front, gives generous public recognition to the services performed by General Plumer in the great operations at Messines, in which the German lines were first blown up and then overrun for a considerable distance. It is apparent from this that the British commander-in-chief and his subordinates, one of them at least, are working in close co-ordination and that they are willing to share the credit for successful operations.

"Shirkers" rather than "slackers" seems to be the more appropriate term for Americans who are trying to evade service in behalf of their country. These men are trying to shirk the responsibility onto the shoulders of their more patriotic and willing fellows; they are endeavoring to "let George do it" instead of doing it themselves; they are unwilling to share the responsibilities of upholding their government. Shirkers, then, seems to be about the mildest appellation which can be attached to them.

The abduction of Baby Keet at Springfield, Mo., was naturally a cause of considerable local excitement, but it was scarcely an event to justify the country-wide furor which was given to the incident. Had the abducted baby been the

child of poor parents in the same Missouri town the item never would have gone beyond the limits of the town in which the crime was committed. The magic wand of wealth was waved over the occurrence, and the Keet family soon found itself the center of publicity in all parts of the country. Sometimes the perspective of events is overdrawn, or distorted.

The appointment of Col. Ira L. Reeves, president of Norwich university, to a position in the office of the chief of the military bureau at Washington undoubtedly means that the university at Northfield will be deprived of his services for some time, since it is presumed that the work will be carried through the period of the war. If such should prove to be the case, Norwich would be considerably handicapped in its administrative work, as President Reeves has proven to be an energetic and tactful executive; but it is hoped that Col. Reeves would be able to return to his duties at Norwich at the close of the war.

Ten days is an extremely short time in which to prepare officers for command of the regiment and of the companies of the proposed Vermont volunteer militia regiment, and there will have to be serious purpose on the part of those who attend the officers' school at Northfield if any considerable amount of good is to be accomplished during the stay there. However, it is probable that most, if not all, of the men who attend the school will have had some previous military experience so that they can readily fall into the ways of the training school and be prepared to brush up their knowledge of military science and tactics in a comparatively short time. The purpose of the training camp is good, and the holding of it is a wise action.

The United States consul at Queens-town, Wesley Frost, returns to the United States with a story confirming everything which James W. Gerard had to say about German frightfulness, only Frost's version of the outrage comes from near vision of the conditions from the outside of Germany, while Gerard's was from knowledge gained inside of Germany. Consul Frost has found it his terrible duty to recount for the benefit of his home government the sea tragedies caused through the barbarous policy adopted by the Prussian government, and the impression has become indelibly stamped in his mind that "no civilized government would have resorted to such methods." On top of his statement is the assertion of President Wilson, founded on mature contemplation and accurate information, that Germany is obsessed by the idea of imperialism and aggrandizement and will stop short of nothing to gain that end. Step by step, the indictment against the government at Berlin is piling up for the jury of the world to take under advisement when the proper time comes.

KILLING THE BABIES.

As if striving to justify their killing of babies and women in the air attack on East London on June 13, the official report sent out from Berlin refers to the airplane attack on "Port London," meaning to convey thereby the impression that they were attacking a military depot rather than the homes of civilians. East London is the residence place of

millions of the poorer people of the great world metropolis. By no stretch of the imagination can those people be declared as participants in the war only as they offer the services of father, brother or son to the service of Great Britain. They have no fortifications. They are protected from the elements merely by the walls of cheaply built tenement buildings through which the falling bombs penetrate as a stone penetrates a piece of paper. There may be munitions plants operating somewhere in the vast area called the "east side" of London, but the section is essentially the abiding place of the more unfortunate people of the great city. This, then, is the "fort" to which the German official statement so mendaciously referred. The "fort" was nothing but the homes of the poor people, the schoolhouses in which the little children were gathered, the stores which furnish the supplies to the civilian population, the public buildings which go with every city of large size. So the Germans attacked this "fort," and they inflicted casualties on civilian London to the extent of 500 people, mostly women and children. They devastated many homes; they destroyed stores which fed the populace; they crushed in a schoolhouse and with it took the lives of a dozen innocent children. A great victory forsooth! Comparable to the dastardly sinking of the Lusitania, only it did not accomplish any military purpose, whereas the sinking of the Lusitania did destroy some war supplies. There's a grand day of reckoning for the German government, a government which impudently strives to bring God into partnership with itself in terribly nefarious work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Act of a Barre Boy.

Editor, Barre Daily Times, Dear Sir:—I am a Montpelier boy and am writing this to let you know that the Vermont boys are in the game.

William J. Gibson, a well known Barre lad, showed the stuff he was made of today, when, as he was working over the side of the ship, painting, the boy on the scaffold with him fell into the water, and, being unable to swim, would have drowned but for Gibson, who, seeing the way things were, immediately leaped into the water and rescued him at the peril of his own life. I think Gibson will be awarded a lifesaver's medal.

Perhaps you will see fit to put an item in your paper about the affair, as I really think his friends ought to be made aware of the stuff he is made of.

Thanking you in advance for your attention, I remain,

Yours truly,

George E. Quinn of Montpelier, Vt., Brooklyn, N. Y., June 3, 1917.

GOOD PROPERTY INCREASE.

Burlington Gets Along on \$2 Tax Rate.

Burlington, June 15.—The city council last night voted a tax rate of \$2. The assessors completed their work yesterday showing that the total amount of taxable property in this city is \$19,488,926. This consisted of real estate, \$12,933,940; personal property, \$5,501,986, and polls, \$1,053,000. The total amount of taxable property exceeds last year's figure by \$288,572.

WEBSTERVILLE.

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